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For : INTERNET FACSIMILE APPARATUS AND ADDRESS INPUT METHOD



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 8-242326 to TOYODA et al., entitled "Facsimile Type Electronic Mail Equipment", which was published on September 17, 1996, along with an English language abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-referenced application; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233 to TOYODA et al., entitled "Facsimile Mail Apparatus", which issued on March 9, 1999. Applicant notes that this document is the U.S. counterpart of the above-cited Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 8-242326 and is also cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-reference application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite these documents.

Copies of the above-noted patents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which

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is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

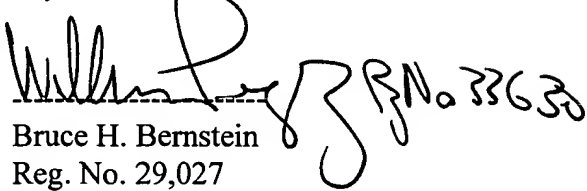
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/387,514, entitled "E-mail Communication Apparatus, Image Communication Apparatus Having The Same, Internet Facsimile Apparatus, and E-mail Communication Method", which was filed on September 1, 1999.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. Patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If for any reason the Examiner cannot locate this application, Applicant will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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